Direct Flight between Srinagar and Calcutta

2880. DR. R. K. PODDAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to operate direct flight between Srinagar and Calcutta; and

(b) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Flyover at Liluah Railway Station in West Bengal

2881. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to construct flyover near the level crossing at Liluah Railway Station in Howrah district of West Bengal;

(b) if so, whether any survey has been made in this regard; and

(c) by when the work is likely to be started at this busiest level crossing ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The work on bridge proper will be executed by the Railway and on approaches by the State Government, after the detailed plans and estimates, and programme for execution of work are finalised jointly with the State Government.

Conversion of Ahmedpur-Katwa Rail Line into Broad Gauge

2882. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for conversion of Ahmedpur-Katwa line into broad gauge; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Keeping in view the heavy backlog of ongoing gauge conversion projects and the traffic potential of the area served by this line its conversion to Broad Gauge has not been proposed.

Cover on platform No. 1, Santragachi

2883. DR. R. K. PODDAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to provide passenger platform cover on platform No. 1 at Santragachi in Kharagpur Division of South Eastern Railway; and

(b) if so, by when ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

National Goitre Programme

2884. DR. R. K. PODDAR : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Goitre Programme has been achieved fully; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Iodisation of entire edible salt in a phased manner to be completed by 1992 is the main objective of the National Goitre Control Programme. During 1987-88, a quantity of 13.82 lakh tonnes of iodised salt has been produced against the production of 7.56 lakh tonnes of iodised salt during 1986-87.